

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.
For Justice of the Supreme Court—
CLAUDE B. GRANT, of Marquette.
For Regents of the Michigan University—
WILLIAM J. CHURCH, of Lenawee,
C. STUART DRAPER, of Saginaw.

At the navy and state departments the rumored sinking of the U. S. war steamer Nipsic in Samoan waters is discredited. Definite news from there will be due at Washington this week.

WM. J. DAILY, of Mt. Clemens, nominated by the democrats for regent of the university, has written a letter declining the honor of being slaughtered at the polls. He says he has neither time nor money to fool away on politics.

On the 4th of March General Goff took the oath of office as governor of West Virginia, and made a formal demand of Gov. Wilson for possession, which demand was refused. Gen. Goff has applied for a *quo warranto*, in the hope of dispossessing Wilson.

The president sent to the senate on Monday the nomination of Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Spain; John T. Swift, of California, to Japan; John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, to be consul-general to Switzerland, and George C. Tichnor, of Illinois, to be assistant secretary of the treasury, vice Isaac H. Maynard, resigned.

President Harrison's Inaugural.
If additional proof was necessary of the sound statesmanship of President Harrison than that furnished by him during the campaign, it was produced in the admirable message with which his administration was inaugurated. Previous to our issue of last week we had scarcely time to read it, and no time to digest or comment upon it. The document is no more remarkable than many of the hundreds of speeches made by Mr. Harrison to visiting delegations; nevertheless it evinces more clearly than any preceding utterance his ability to rise above the partisan and speak to the nation from the high plane of patriotism which he occupies, and the spirit of which he breathes in every sentence.

In recognition of man's weakness, the president "reverently invokes" and confidently expects the favor and help of Almighty God—that He will give to me wisdom, strength and fidelity, and to our people a spirit of fraternity and a love of righteousness and peace.

He has no distinctive executive policy towards the south, but will require that the rights of all men be respected and the laws enforced and obeyed in all sections. Says he:

"As a citizen may not elect what laws he will obey, neither may the executive elect which he will enforce."

The protective system is as old as the constitution, and was recognized as a wise policy by the founders of the republic, and "the revival at the end of the century of the same patriotic interest in the preservation and development of domestic industries, and the defense of our working people against injurious foreign competition, is an incident worthy of attention. It is not a departure, but a return that we have witnessed."

Only because of the existence of slavery was the protective policy ever made a sectional one, and there was this reason

"only why the states that divide with Pennsylvania the mineral treasures of the great southeastern and central mountain ranges should have been so tardy in bringing to the smelting furnace and the mill the coal and iron from their near opposing hillsides. Mill fires were lighted at the funeral pile of slavery. The emancipation proclamation was heard in the depths of the earth as well as the sky—men were made free, and material things became our better servants."

The "Monroe doctrine," broadened to meet the requirements of to-day, will be the policy of his administration, and in view of the cutting of ship canals across the isthmus, he says:

"It is so manifestly incompatible with those precautions for our peace and safety, which all the great powers habitually observe and enforce in matters affecting them, that a shorter wayward between our eastern and western seaboard should be dominated by any European government, that we may confidently expect that such a purpose will not be entertained by any friendly power."

While we should endeavor to maintain and enlarge our friendly relations with all the great powers, yet

"they will not expect us to look kindly upon any project that would leave us subject to the dangers of a hostile observation or environment. We have not sought to dominate or to absorb any of our weaker neighbors, but rather to aid and encourage them to establish free and stable governments, resting upon the consent of their own people. We have a clear right to expect, therefore, that no European government will seek to establish colonial dependencies upon the territory of these independent American states."

Bismarck, and others interested, will bear in mind that the necessities of our navy

"require convenient coaling stations, and docks and harbors privileges. These and other trading privileges we will feel free to obtain only by means that in no degree partake of coercion, however feeble the government from which we ask such concessions. But, having fairly obtained them, by methods and for purposes entirely consistent with the most friendly disposition towards all other powers, our consent will be

necessary to any modification or impairment of the concession. We shall neither fail to respect the flag of any friendly nation or the just rights of its citizens, nor to exact the like treatment for our own."

On the subject of appointment to and the retention in office of persons, he says:

"Honorable party service will certainly not be esteemed by me a disqualification for public office, but it will in no case be allowed to serve as a shield of official negligence, incompetency and delinquency."

Efficiency in the civil service will be the aim. We shall

"not however, I am sure, be able to put our civil service upon a non-partisan basis until we have secured an incumbency that fair-minded men of the opposition will approve for impartiality and integrity."

The following paragraphs will give an idea of the policy of the administration on the topics touched upon:

"The construction of a sufficient number of modern war ships and of their necessary armament should progress as rapidly as is consistent with care and perfection in plans and workmanship."

"Our pension laws should give more adequate and discriminating relief to the union soldiers and sailors and to their widows and orphans. Such occasions as this should remind us that we owe everything to their valor and sacrifice."

"It is a subject of congratulation that there is a near prospect of the admission into the union of the Dakotas and Montana and Washington Territories. This act of justice has been unreasonably delayed in the case of some of them."

In summing up the message, the *Detroit Tribune* well says: "From first to last the message will be read with intense interest and with profit. It will strengthen him in the love and admiration of the people and bring to his side new friends and supporters. Good men and true of all political parties will applaud such noble sentiments as this:

"Let us exalt patriotism and moderate our party contentions. Let those who would die for the flag on the field of battle give a better proof of their patriotism and a higher glory to their country by promoting fraternity and justice."

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